Elementary Education Major
Department of Literacy and Elementary Education (LEED)
www.cedu.niu.edu/leed/
815-753-8350

1. Attain an overall cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale (as calculated by NIU), including transfer credit. Once admitted to Elementary Education, an NIU cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher is required for retention in the program.

2. Complete foundational studies requirements in ENGL 103, ENGL 203, and COMS 100 with no grade lower than C at the time of application. Additionally, a C or better (including NIU and transfer grades) must be earned in all of the following required courses by the end of the semester in which they apply. Students may apply with the following courses in progress (enrolled courses, only):

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<th>NIU Courses</th>
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<td>ARTE 383 Teaching Art in Elementary Schools (3)</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>MUED 360 Fundamentals, Principles, and Practices in Elementary Music (3)</td>
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Contact an NIU Elementary Education advisor for possible course substitutions for ARTE 383 and MUED 360

EPPE 201 Education as an Agent for Change (3)
EDU 224

EPS 304 Development of the Elementary School Child (3)
EDU 275

ETT 229 Computers in Education (3) or pass ETRA Skills Competency Exam (0)
EDU 102

A competency exam for ETT 229 Computers in Education, is being offered by the Department of Educational Technology, Research, and Assessment. Passing this test would allow the course requirement for admission to Elementary Education to be waived. Registration is required.

Contact the ETRA department at: 815-753-9339

HIST 260 American History to 1865 (3)
HIS 221

HIST 261 American History since 1865 (3)
HIS 222

KNPE 245 Physical Education for Children (3)
N/A

MATH 110 College Algebra (3)
MAT 121

MATH 201 Foundations of Elementary School Mathematics (3)
MAT 110 & 111

If two courses are required, both are used for the cumulative GPA calculation for admission and a C or better is required in each course.

PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)
PSY 103

SESE 240 Introduction to Special Education (3)
EDU 220

TLEE 282 Educational Participation in Clinical Experiences: Elementary Education (1)
**EDU 276 if elem educ experience documented

Two additional social science courses from two distinct areas (6)
Any transferable social science course meeting the identified categories.

Three Science courses from three distinct areas (10-12)
Any transferable science course meeting the identified categories.

One of the three sciences courses must include a laboratory: Biology, Chemistry, Geography (excluding GEOG 202, GEOG 204, and GEOG 253), Geology, or Physics

3. Successful completion of the Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS) Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) or ACT report with acceptable scores for the waiver of the TAP. For more information about the ILTS, click on http://www.illinois-ets.com/

4. A departmental application is required for admission to the major. For an application or information regarding this process, contact an Elementary Education office, 815-753-8350. Applications are available on-line at http://www.cedu.niu.edu/leed/programs/bachelors.shtml

5. Students are encouraged to have completed all NIU general education requirements prior to admission in the professional semesters of Elementary Education. This may be accomplished by either completing NIU’s general education courses individually, by completing a baccalaureate-oriented associate of art (A.A.) or associate of science (A.S.) degree, or by completing the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Education Core Curriculum (GECC). Please contact your community college counselor for more details.

6. Students who have completed the pre-admission requirements may be considered for admission in a specific semester by meeting the following application deadlines:

Program application deadline: March 1 (fall term)
Program application deadline: October 1 (spring term)